Wreaths Mark Burns Bi-Centenary

Standing beside the Robert Burns monument in Beacon Hill Park where representatives of eight Scottish organizations and the city laid wreaths are, from left, pipe-majors Frank Knight, Ian Duncan, John McKay and John Low. Wreaths were laid Sunday to commemorate the bi-centenary of the birth of the revered Scottish poet.—(Photo by William A. Boucher.)

Mental Health Policy Flayed

Strachan Hits Out

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call for division was his opportunity to do so. And not one government member even absented himself from the floor of the House.

SLICK, SMOOTH

Mr. Strachan charged the Social Credit party "which came in with such pretensions, is now one of the slickest, smoothest political machines this province has ever had . . . promises, promises everywhere . . . we now have the same type of machine operating within the Socred party as we condemned in the old-line parties."

He pointed out the 367 majority by which the Socreds won the Rossland-Trail by-election was a long way down from the 2,000 it won by in 1956.

"It seems now you don't even have to fool the majority of the people — just 30 per cent," Mr. Strachan said.

SPEAKER'S RULING

Mr. Strachan ran into trouble from Speaker Hugh Shantz when he attempted to discuss the Sommers case.

"You are not allowed to discuss anything given in evidence or which may be given in evidence at a retrial," Mr. Speaker said.

Gordon Dowding (CCF—Burnaby) jumped to his feet to protest the Speaker's ruling and Attorney-General Robert Bonner jumped up to agree with the Speaker.

"I suggest the speaker (Strachan) speak to this subject during discussion of my estimates when I may reply to him with the same heat with which he is addressing me," Mr. Bonner said.

"Are you not even going to allow a quote from a newspaper. This is the fourth session we have not been allowed to freely discuss this matter," Mr Strachan said.

SPEAKER ADAMANT

The Speaker held fast to his huling, but Mr. Strachan continued his attack on the attorney-general.

"Evidence at the trial showed how deeply the government was involved . . . there was mention in evidence of Social Credit party compaign funds and the like," Mr. Strachan charged. The Speaker then intervened.

Mr. Strachan charged the government "stalled and dawdled for 707 days before it brought the matter out in the open by laying criminal charges.

"We of the CCF asked for an inquiry. We charged no one . . . we didn't ask for persecution either . . . serving a man a summons at 1.30 in the morning."

Of Sommers he charged the government with "roasting a man over a low fire . . . twisting a knife in his back . . . what he needed was protection from his friends."

"It is obvious the attorney-general has been deeply involved in this since the beginning. Just how deeply we didn't know until Mr. Sommers, himself, told the court he had been acting on the advice of the attorney-general," Mr. Strachan said.

MENTAL HEALTH

Mr. Strachan took a hard-hitting smash at the government's action in the field of mental health.

He said Provincial Secretary Wesley Black had, on the last days of the session last year, filed a report on mental health which showed cuts had been made in mental health services staffs . . . cuts which the minister had denied throughout the session.

Mr. Strachan quoted from the report and said the Provincial Secretary, in "deliberately" keeping it from the House was guilty of "manipulation of parliamentary procedure for political purposes." It was "a monstrous display of irresponsibility and shameful neglect," he said.

RAN FOR LIFE

"He tabled it on the last day of the House and then ran for his life," he said. The CCF leader looked at Mr. Black and said: "Had I been in your place, I would have tabled the report and ran, too."

"It is unfortunate a few dollars should stand in the way of greater progress . . . I challenge any member in this House to read the report and then brag about debt reduction . . . Don't brag to me about debt reduction when these conditions exist . . . I would resign in shame, especially if I had joked about the situation."

Mr. Strachan quoted at length from the report of Dr. A. H. Gee, who was director of mental health services when the report was tabled last session.

The report told of a 35.6 per cent staff turnover and of general staff unrest and dissatisfaction. It said "the teams are not able to handle the volume of work referred to them." It said staff vacancies could have been filled, if the salaries offered had more nearly equalled those prevailing in local agencies.

Mr. Strachan said there was no need for the American Psychiatric Association to make an investigation (the association is scheduled to start an inquiry soon on government request) because the mental services report tells exactly what is needed.

NOT INVITED

The Opposition leader said he wanted to put it on record that he did not get an invitation to go on the inaugural run of the PGE Railway "despite the statements made by high-priced public relations officials."

He criticized the government for increasing PGE freight rates after it had waged a fight to have no increase in national railway freight rates.

He got into an argument with Education Minister Leslie Peterson when he said he had not been able to get copies of school budgets from him.

HALF TRUTH

"The minister refused to make this information available to me," Mr. Strachan said.

"That's a half truth," Mr. Peterson retorted.

"The fact is I haven't got it," Mr. Strachan replied.

Mr. Strachan said he then wrote to all school boards and that Mr. Peterson got hold of the letter and wrote the school boards saying he didn't refuse him.

"That is false," Mr. Peterson replied.

"Will you let me have them," Mr. Strachan shot back. "He doesn't want the people of B.C. to correlate and gather the information," he said.

On power, Mr. Strachan said it was "time the B.C. Electric lost an election in this province." He said it looked like the power commission was being "fattened up for the kill, so that when the time comes it can be turned over to a private company."

"The answer it no," interjected the premier.

Protestants Cautious Of Vatican Invitation

VATICAN CITY (AP)—The first acclamation of Roman Catholic bishops was received Monday for the ecumenical council called by Pope John—a meeting that may prove to be Christianity's most immense gathering.

The 77-year-old supreme ruler of the Roman Catholic Church announced the ecumenical — world-wide — meeting Sunday. Its primary objective, announced by a brief Vatican press office communique, is to be unity of Christian forces.

It was indicated that Christian churches outside the Roman Catholic Church may be invited to participate, at least as observers.

The news was received with mixed feelings in various parts of the world by Protestant, Christian orthodox and other religious communities separated from the Roman Church.

The date for the council has not been set. Speculation in Vatican circles about when it might be held range all the way from late this year to as much as two years from now.

RUSSIA MAKES DEAL

The International Tin Council and the Russian government have each agreed to limit tin exports outside the Iron Curtain in 1959 to 13,500 tons each.

Exports by Russia amounting to about 18,000 tons caused a drop last year in tin prices and unemployment in tin producing countries.

Power Topic Today

Lands and Forests Minister Ray Williston will outline the power policies and plans of the Social Credit government when he continues his speech in the Throne Speech debate in the legislature today.

Yesterday, Mr. Williston delivered the first part of his speech, largely a rebuttal of the scathing attack delivered on the government earlier by Opposition Leader Robert Strachan.

Mr. Williston said not one of Mr. Strachan's claims that the B.C. Power Commission was being "fattened for the kill" to be taken over by the B.C. Electric or Wenner-Gren interests could be substantiated.

When the full story of the power commission becomes known, he said, it will be anything but the story Mr. Strachan was trying to put over.

Referring to Mr. Strachan's criticism of a 17 per cent increase in freight rates on the government-owned PGE railway, Mr. Williston said it must follow the national railways in freight matters because it has to meet the same wage scales.

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Jet Sale Out

OTTAWA (CP) — The government has rejected attempts by a U.S. firm to ship surplus RCAF Vampire jet fighters to the Dominican Republic.

Trade Minister Churchill said Monday an export permit for the jets was rejected.

Fore-Metal Co. of West Bend, Wis., last year purchased 26 of the obsolete Vampires at a reported $24,600, about $950 a plane. Original cost to the RCAF was $130,000 each.

The Dominican Republic wanted 12, but officials said Canada "didn't want" to get involved in any Caribbean flareup."

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Announce Way To Help Drain All 8 Sinus Cavities Without Discomfort

New decongestant tablet for sinus congestion sufferers acts both to drain clogged sinus cavities and relieve distressing head pain

Toronto, Ont. (Special) Announcement has been made of a new tablet development which has the remarkable ability to help drain clogged sinus cavities and thus relieve congestion and pressure. The headaches, pressure pains, stuffed-up head, nasal drip, clogged breathing—all the unrelenting symptoms the sinus sufferer knows so well—are attacked directly by improving drainage of the sinus areas.

Most remarkable of all is the fact that this is accomplished quickly and without discomfort of any kind. This new tablet does its work internally, through the blood stream. It deposits into every drop of blood plasma a medication which is carried to the sinus area, where it shrinks the swollen doors to the sinus cavities and helps drain away the pain-causing pressure and congestion.

The shrinking substance in this new tablet has been so successful topically in promoting drainage of the sinus cavities that it is now prescribed more widely by doctors than any material for this purpose. This new medication is now available at drug counters without the need for a prescription under the name, Dristan Tablets. Dristan Tablets cost only $1.25 for a bottle of 24 tablets. Buy and use Dristan Tablets with the absolute guarantee that they will drain away pain-causing pressure and congestion of the sinus cavities, relieve the pain and distress, or purchase price will be refunded.

Weather Forecast

January 27, 1959

A few early showers, cloudy with a few sunny periods during the day. Little change in temperature. Winds westerly 25 early in the morning, decreasing to 20 later. Precipitation Monday, nil. Sunshine, nil.

Recorded Temperatures

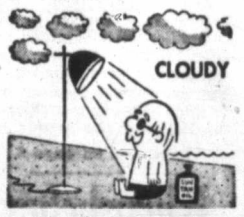
High ..... 48 Low 42

Forecast Temperatures

High ..... 48 Low 45

Sunrise .. 7.51 Sunset .. 5.03

East Coast of Vancouver Island—A few early showers, cloudy with a few sunny periods during the day. Continuing mild. Winds westerly 15. High and low at Nanaimo, 45 and 35.



West Coast of Vancouver Island—A few early showers, mostly cloudy with widely-scattered showers during the day. Winds westerly 20 decreasing to weserly 15. High and low at Estevan Point, 48 and 43.

TEMPERATURES

	Low	High	Precip.
St. John's	13	22	.42
Montreal	—20	3	--
Ottawa	—21	0	--
Toronto	—8	13	--
North Bay	—17	7	--
Kenora	—11	5	.01
Winnipeg	—10	4	.04
Brandon	—19	2	.02
The Pas	—16	—6	--
Regina	—5	3	--
Saskatoon	—10	3	--
Prince Albert	—29	—3	.03
North Battleford	—11	3	.01
Swift Current	—4	10	--
Medicine Hat	—7	4	--
Lethbridge	—9	38	--
Edmonton	1	13	.04
Kimberley	25	30	--
Crescent Valley	30	35	--
Kaslo	30	36	--
Grand Forks	31	36	.10
Kamloops	30	35	--
Penticton	31	35	--
Vancouver	39	46	.11
Prince Rupert	4	45	.66
Prince George	17	35	--
Whitehorse	—16	—9	.04
Seattle	42	50	.29
Portland	46	54	Trace
San Francisco	51	61	--
Los Angeles	52	70	--
Spokane	28	38	.02
New York	21	31	--

TIDES AT VICTORIA (Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
27	05.35	8.4	10.50	6.6	15.46	8.1	22.57	2.8
28	06.01	8.5	11.45	6.0	16.51	7.5	23.38	3.6
29	06.33	8.8	12.44	5.4	18.03	6.9	....	....
30	00.13	4.5	07.07	9.1	13.47	4.7	19.27	6.4
31	00.47	5.4	07.42	9.3	14.56	4.0	23.50	6.3
Feb.								
1	01.18	6.2	08.22	9.4	16.04	3.3	....	....
2	09.03	9.5	17.07	2.7	....	....	....	....
3	09.56	9.5	18.03	2.3	....	....	....	....
4	04.30	8.2	05.06	8.1	10.54	9.4	18.52	1.9
5	04.37	8.3	05.38	8.0	11.51	9.5	19.37	1.7
6	05.04	8.3	07.37	7.7	12.45	9.2	20.18	1.8

TIDES AT FULFORD HARBOUR (Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
27	04.23	12.2	13.10	7.8	18.06	10.0	....	....
28	00.34	3.9	07.52	12.2	14.02	7.1	19.14	9.5
29	01.16	3.0	08.23	12.3	14.54	6.3	20.34	9.1
30	01.56	2.2	08.55	12.1	15.53	5.4	22.13	9.0
31	02.42	7.4	09.28	12.0	16.52	4.6	....	....
Feb.								
1	00.11	9.2	03.40	8.6	10.04	11.8	17.51	3.8
2	02.04	9.8	05.08	9.5	10.45	11.6	18.48	3.2
3	03.17	10.6	06.46	10.0	11.34	11.3	19.40	2.7
4	04.04	11.2	08.14	10.0	12.32	11.0	20.31	2.4
5	04.43	11.5	08.27	9.7	13.37	10.7	21.16	2.3
6	05.17	11.6	10.13	9.2	14.40	10.5	22.01	2.4

Ship Calendar

NAVY

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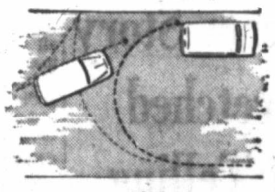

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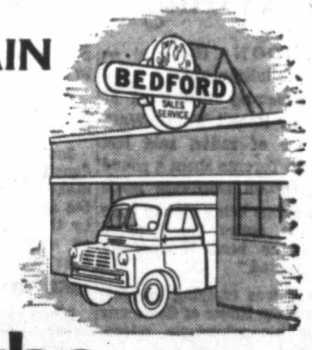

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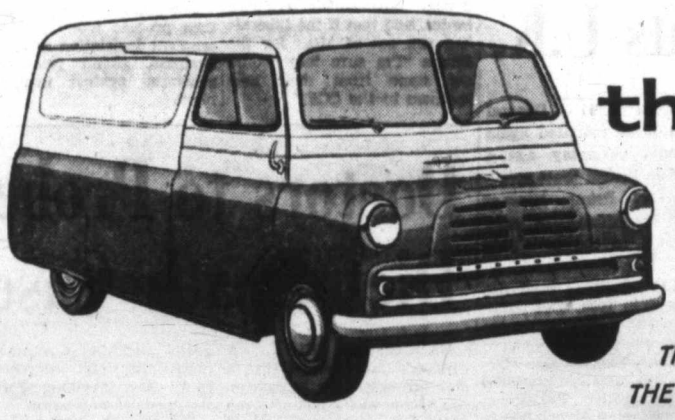

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